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### POSTAL THIEVES ORGANIZED.

EVIDENCES OF A SYNDICATE TO LEVY BLACKMAIL.

The Rake-Off on All Contracts for Supplies Fixed at 40 Per Cent.-Investigators After a Gang That Operated for Years -Go-Betweens Distributed the Cash.

WASHINGTON, June 20 .- The most startling feature of the postal service scandals which are now engaging the attention of high officers of the Post Office Department is the growing belief that the irregularity and criminality which have been disclosed are not simply the result of a tendency toward personal gain, but are due to the operations of an organized scheme of graft. This is the first time that an intimation of this character has been made, but, according to excellent authority, the reasons for such a belief are sound and the actual proof that such a syndicate or system existed is piling up day by day as the inquiry

The attention of the investigating authorities was first attracted by the fact that the prevailing rake-off on departmental contracts was 40 per cent. Former Superintendent of the Free Delivery Division Machen is charged with having received 40 per cent. of all sales to the Government of the patent fastener used on street letter boxes. Charles McGregor and C. Ellsworth Upton, two of Machen's subordinates are charged with having received 40 per cent. on sales of rural free delivery mail pouches to the Government. Other officers of the Post Office Department, who will soon be indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, are alleged to have received 40 per cent. on sales of various supplies used in the postal service. These contracts were made through the salary and allowance division.

Forty per cent. is said to have been the rake-off given to postal officers in the sale of the cash registers to the Government. In other cases the investigating authorities are morally certain that the rake-off was this same 40 per cent.

When the existence of such a system of blackmail collection was first hinted at some time ago-and it was not through the newspapers that the matter was first brought into notice-the high officers of the Department scoffed at the suggestion. It was preposterous, they asserted-absolutely ridiculous to believe that the postal service harbored a criminal organization. But recent developments have made it absobitely necessary that the graft syndicate be taken seriously, and the principal matter upon which post office inspectors are now working concerns the existence of this 40 per cent. system of collection on Government contracts.

the revelations up to date point to the tall that this alleged syndicate was an actual organization, with a directing head and officers designated to perform the metails of the work. That the machinery of this concern worked smoothly is shown by the fact that for year after year its operations were continued without the slightest suspicion being aroused, and that itw as not until the investigation of postal service scandals had been in progress over three months that the matter was setiously taken up by the officers in charge of the inquiry. Now that the matter has been considered it will be pushed to as speedy a conclusion as possible, and new charges of conspiracy to defraud the tion of the Federal Grand Jury here and

New York.
Postmaster-General Payne will not say whether the head of the graft syndicate is supposed to be one of the department is supposed to be one of the department officers whose names have been mentioned in connection with the present inquiry or some person "higher up". In fact, he will not discuss the matter at all. Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Vris-vill be acquainted with the facts in due ourse of events.

But it is known that the investigating authorities will at once begin an investigation to unearth not only the head of the syndicate, but the agent in New York who had charge of the business and the officers in other cities who had charge of the process of levy and collection. One reason why conviction will be difficult, it is said, is that the local officers or agents of the graft syndicate also had go-betweens, and that the rake-off was distributed by them in each and not in checks or drafts. There may have been cases, however, where this rule was not adhered to, and upon this presumption, and upon their ability to per-suade one of the officers, agents or go-betweens to turn State's evidence, the instigating authorities depend for getting onclusive proof.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne

to-day made a formal request of Postmaster General Payne that an investigation of the money order service and other branches of the First Assistant's bureau be immediy ordered. Supt. Metcalf of the money or division was recently dismissed by Postmaster-General for endcavoring no divert a contract for manufacturing money order blanks from the lowest bidder but it is not known that there was anything further than a grave indiscretion on Mr Metcalf's part. The requested investiga-tion will be to determine this fact, as well as to give a thorough cleaning out to the rest of the bureau. This division, like the salary and allowance division, which has been under investigation for some time, was under Mr. Machen's free delivery division. The free delivery division which has formerly been under the control of the bisset Assistant Postmaster-General was First Assistant Postmaster-General, was recently placed under Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, to lend greater

facility to the progress of the inquiry.

A special attorney from the Department of Justice will be detailed to the Post Office Department to assist Attorney Charles A. Robb in the greatly increased labors of the office. When Mr. Robb entered the Department, the affairs of the Assistant Attorney-General's office were in a de-plorable state as a result of the scandalous onditions that had prevailed, and the office was months ringing the routine work up to date, and a addition has acted as legal officer of the Department and adviser of the Postmaster eneral in the many matters connected ith the postal scandals. His services ave been greatly appreciated by the resident, the Attorney-General and the ostmaster-General.

#### CHAIRMAN LOUD INVOLVED. Postal Inspectors Railroaded Into the Service on His Recommendation.

WASHINGTON, June 20 .- A very remarkble feature of the postal scandal situation was revealed to-day when it became known hat six of the inspectors now engaged investigating the alleged irregularities appointments and transfers in the postal service were themselves railroaded into hat same service in an irregular manner. The situation becomes more remarkable till when it is known that Representative loud of California, former chairman of Post Office Committee of the House, and now a delegate in the International Postal Union, is apparently responsible the Post Office Committee of the House.

for just an even half of these irregularities. A REVOLUTION IN SCIENCE.

The irregularity for which Mr. Loud is responsible was the railroading into the service, at the request of former Superintendent Machen of the free delivery division, of Henry A. Machen, the accused officer's brother. The three "railroad" cases for which, according to the records of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Loud is responsible, are those of James O'Connell, a relative of Mr. Loud, Henry A. Machen and J. S. Brewster. They were all appointed about the same time, the first on

April 6, and the latter on April 23. These three irregularities are more glaring than any others on the civil service list. The three men were first appointed to the Bakersfield (Cal.) post office, and in the cases of O'Connell and Machen, only seven days elapsed before the request for "transfer," which is the technical term for the railroading process, was made. In the third case the request was made after about a month had elapsed. The transfers were made in short order.

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To arrive at an understanding of the "railroading" process it is only necessary to say that when the three appointments were made the Bakersfield office was "unclassified." That trifling bar to the "railroading" process was removed, however, several days after the men named were placed on the office rolls. Four others, now post office inspectors, engaged in investigating irregularities, who were investigating irregularities, who were brought into the service in the same way

investigating irregularities, who were brought into the service in the same way, are R. M. Fulton, Raleigh Hosford, Isaac S. T. Gregg and E. H. Thorp.

A little further light is thrown on the mixed-up situation by the fact that when Supt. Machen, just before he was suspended prior to his recent arrest, read a published interview with former Representative Loud, in which that gentleres recent the free in which that gentleman masted the free delivery service in general and Supt. Machen in particular, he grew positively purple

in the face.

"Why, by God!" he cried, "Loud dare not talk that way about me. I'll put him on the bum. I'm not talking wildly. I've got letters, letters, letters; and if necessary I'll publish them in every paper in the country."

Mr. Machen was later asked what he meant by "Letters, letters, letters," bu he had calmed down in the interval and re fused to discuss the matter, save to say that Loud had better be careful."
Since Machen has been under indictment he has refused, by instructions of his law-

yers, to discuss any phase of the scandal in which he is enmeshed. But there are those familiar with the inquiry who think that Machen's testimony at his trial next fall will be worth going a long way to hear.

## LABOR MEN FOR POLITICS.

International Pressmen Vote in Favor of Union Movement Next Year.

CINCINNATI, June 20 .- A resolution by John Moran, a delegate from New York, committing the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union to political action was rushed through to-day just before the final adjournment of the annual convention, in this city. After an elaborate preamble, along socialistic lines. the resolution provides that a "committee of twenty-five be appointed to communicate with every other union in the country for the purpose of securing a concerted movement among labor unions to the end that the masses shall have a proper champion in the next Presidential campaign."

It was further resolved that "in this crisis trades unionists should openly participate

n political councils with a view to bring about the result so much desired by ever American patriot.

The majority for adoption was large.

WESTERN UNION AND P. R. R.

preme Court Issues an Order Proh

Any More Pole Cutting. BALTIMORE, June 20.—The United States Supreme Court has now taken a hand in the contest between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Western Union Telegraph Company. A local reflection of this contest s the case now pending before Judge Morris of the United States Circuit Court, in which the Western Union Telegraph Company, through its counsel, Attorney General Isador Rayner, has asked for an order en joining the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad from interfering with its telegraph lines along the railroad. The United States Supreme Court has, however, granted an injunction restraining the Pennsylvania Railroad from interfering

with any of the lines of the telegraph com-pany. When seen to-day about the action of the Supreme Court Mr. Rayner said: "I have advices from Washington confirming the statement that the Supreme Court has granted an order prohibiting the Pennsylvania Railroad from interthe Fennsylvania Railroad from Inter-fering with the telegraph system of the Western Union Telegraph Company upon the lines of the railroad. This is the case from the Third Circuit, in which the Court of Appeals sitting in Philadelphia declined to pass the order for a stay of execution

pending the appeal.

"It now appears that the Supreme Court has taken hold of the matter and granted the injunction, which keeps the property in statu quo until the final decision is reached on the main case at the next term of the Supreme Court of the United States."

### MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

The First Whip of the Genesee Valley Hunt Shot by Some Person Unknown.

GENESEO, N. Y., June 20 .- Clarence Hall, first whip of the Genesee Valley Hunt, was shot last night at the keeper's home near the foxhound kennels, and seriously wounded. Mr. Hall was awakened at midnight by an unusual uproar among the hounds. He opened the door of his cottage to investigate, when some one fired a shot from a revolver at short range. The builet struck Hall in the left arm, shattering the bone and making a flesh wound in the side. Hall slammed the door shut and started for his revolver. Another shot was fired through the window. This time the bullet passed the window. This time the bullet passed through Hall's hat. He ran outside, but could find no one. Then he started for the homestead to notify Major James W. Wadsworth, who, having heard the shots, had started for the cottage. The person who fired the shots could not be found.

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The shooting was most mysterious and it is not known whether Hall was mistaken for somebody else and shot or whether hound thieves were at work. A your A young woman was seen about the village during the evening, and as she had no known connection with the hunt her presence caused remark. The local officers are working on the theory that the woman had something to do with the shooting.

### BUTLER DROWNED AT A PICNIC.

Capsized Boat in "Nigger Pond" Near Ramapo-Boy With Him Swam Ashore. TUXEDO PARK, N. Y., June 20 .- Sidney Owen, a butler employed in the family of Mrs. William Pierson Hamilton of Tuxedo Park, was drowned yesterday at what is known as "Nigger Pond," near Ramapo. His body was discovered this morning. Mrs. Hamilton gave a picnic to her em-ployees, who invited their friends, and all drove to Ramapo. They were about to return when Owen went out in a canoe. He was not accustomed to rowing and upset

OLD THEORY OF MATTER IS NOW DISCARDED.

What Have Been Considered Indivisible Units Shown to Be Made Up of Ions in Orbital Motion-Electricity and Matter One-Shown by the Study of Radium

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, June 20.-The world's foremost searchers after the ultimate secrets of the universe have at length committed themselves to a stupendous theory which has for some time been foreshadowed and has now apparently been substantiated by the study of the new substance called radium. Prof. Crookes the other day in Berlin and Profs. Lodge and Curie, this week in London, have confidently proclaimed that it is easy to define this great revolution of science in scarcely more than a sentence. To comprehend it however, is almost as far beyond the power of the human mind as the idea of eternity or infinite space.

The old theory that the atoms of elements consist of indivisible units of matter has now been definitely discarded. Instead. we are told that each atom is a whole stellar system of infinitely smaller, but absolutely identical, units, all in orbital motion. A hydrogen atom consists of 700 such units. or ions. The nature or identity of each substance depends upon the number of such ions contained in each atom, thus 11,200 ions in each atom produce what we know as oxygen, and 137,200 of the same ions if combined in a single atom would yield what we regard as gold. The nature of these ions is, for want of a better word, electrical. In other words, electricity and matter are one and the same thing.

This theory has been more or less familiar to scientific men for two or three years, but has not been demonstrated until recently, when the study of the Röntgen rays suggested it, and now radium seems to furnish a complete proof, and also carries its conception into a marvellous elabo ration. An examination of radium and other phenomena leads Prof. Lodge and his associates to believe that matter is not stable in its atoms, as has been heretofore supposed by everybody familiar with the disintegration of matter, which means the rearrangement or recombination of elements. Thus, water may be separated into oxygen or hydrogen, but it was never before imagined that the atoms themselves were capable of disintegration. Prof. Lodge suggests that this is the normal process of nature, yet it is proceeding at a rate so slow that it baffles the powers of conception of the human mind to estimate the length of time required.

In radium alone it proceeds so rapidly that the phenomenon is easily observed. M. Curie, the discoverer of radium, in some wonderful experiments at the Royal Institution last night, showed that radium spontaneously and continuously disengaged heat, rapidly affected photographic lates, even through opaque bodies, discharged an electroscope when merely brought in its vicinity, and gave off emanations similar to itself in constant and even viothe 120,000 ions which compose each atom flew apart into original units. It has been calculated, however, that this efflux from radium is so infinitesimal that a square inch of surface would lose only one grain in ten thousand million years.

Prof. Lodge surmises that this process of disintegration of atoms may constitute the evolution of the chemical elements. He announced that within a few weeks Prof. Ernest Rutherford of McGill University, in Montreal, had observed the break-up of the most massive atoms. He found that some few atoms of a radioactive substance seemed to reach a critical stage at which they fling away small portions of themselves with great violence, the residue having the same property of unstability for some time until ultimately it settles down into what is presumably a different substance. Changes of this sort in more stable atoms would seem to require millions of millions of centuries, so long, in fact. that the longest periods in astronomical evolution would seem but hours in comparison. Prof. Lodge affirms, however, that these changes seem bound to occur according to fixed laws.

So the state of flux and decay is recogn nized, not only in the stars and planets but in the foundation stones of the universe, which are the elemental atoms them selves. The process of regeneration, however, can also be imagined, and it would occur if the separations ever aggregated themselves together by their mutual attractions into fresh material. The progress of the research may lead us to recognize the existence of atoms, some of which were recently formed and others very ancient.

It will be seen that the whole theory in effect is an astronomical one. Chemistry has, in fact, become the astronomy of the infinitesimal. One is led to wonder, then, if the earth and the other planets are not mere ions forming a single atom of a higher universe, where, perhaps, they constitute a speck of dust that worries the careful housewife in the world next above us At all events, we are clearly on the verge of the greatest revelation that science has yet vouchsafed to mankind and knowl edge that is only limited by the capacity of the human mind to receive it.

### BENNETT FARM BRINGS \$17,100.

Laura Biggar Sald to Be Dissatisfied

-Residuary Legacies Cannot Be Paid. ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 20,-Counsellor John F. Hawkins, as executor for the late Henry M. Bennett, yesterday sold the Bennett farm, on the Shark River, to James D. Carton, who represents Richard M. Gulick

of Pittsburg.
The tract, which Mr. Bennett valued at \$50,000, brought \$17,100. It included ninety-eight acres and the buildings. Mr. Hawkins says the estate will not realize sufficient to pay the residuary legacies. It is under stood that Laura Biggar, the principal bene ficary under the will, is much dissatisfied.

#### First Rock Island Train in Abliene, Kan. in Twenty-three Days.

ABILENE, Kan., June 20 .- The first train over the Rock Island railroad for twentythree days arrived here this evening. The track to the west end of the branch, Salina, will not be repaired for several days.

Summer Schedule of the Long Island Railroad, with increased train service, will take effect June 25.

—Adv.

### CUNARD LINE IS OUT

Of Passenger Combination on the Atlantie -Expected to Cut Rates.

The Cunard Line has withdrawn from the passenger agreement of the steamship combination known as the North Atlantic Conference, which is made up of lines running ships between this port and ports of Great Britain and Ireland. Some of the lines in the conference, including the Cunard, Anchor and Allan-State, are not in the fleet of the International Marine Company which is represented in the conference by the White Star, the Atlantic Transport, the Leyland and the International Navigation Company (American and Red Star lines.

The Cunard line notified the conference three months ago of its intention to withdraw in the matter of cabinrates and freights and recently it gave fourteen days notice that it would consider annulled also the agreement in regard to steerage rates. The latter notice becomes effective on July 1.

The object of the Cunard line is to "be free to do as it pleases." This is interpreted to mean that it will try to get a larger share of the big passenger and freight business done by the International Mercantile Marine Company.

The cause of the Cunard's withdrawal was the putting on by the combination of regular Friday ships of the White Star, and extra Tuesday ships of the Leyland Line, running as White Star liners.

#### GOOD OUTLOOK, SAYS GATES. Stock Speculator Says the Worst Has Been Reached in the Market.

CHICAGO, June 20 .- John W. Gates arrived from the East late last night and at an early hour to-day he was in La Salle street, accompanied by his son, Charles G. Gates. Both went direct to the Rookery office of Harris, Gates & Co. Mr. Gates thinks the worst has been experienced in financial affairs.

"You see," he explained, "England and France-I was in both countries-are now in an exceptionally good condition financially. The reduction in the discount rate by the Bank of England showed that the Londoners are at their ease. The Transvaal loan was a big success. France was a large subscriber and is looking about to place more funds. I think both France and England will be liberal buyers of our securities, always provided that we do not deprecate and depreciate our own values

"I'm not going right back to New York. as reported. Chicago is good enough for I like Chicago. It is my home. I always feel better here and accordingly I'm very glad to be back. I shall probably remain here for a couple of months before going anywhere for either business or

## JOHN MITCHELL ILL.

Recent Nervous Strain Too Much for Him -Engagements Cancelled.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 20 .- President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers is ill at his rooms in this city and was obliged to-day to cancel an engagement to address a miners' meeting at Winslow, owing to the

It is said that Mitchell has been greatly worried over the many petty strikes that have followed the signing of the bituminous scale, and the settlement of the anthracite lent streams or radiations; in other words, strike and that his condition is due to nervous exhaustion.

Besides these annovances, he has been travelling almost constantly for a month and has been irregular in his habits in respect to eating and sleeping.

Mitchell's fellow officers have insisted that he take a rest and his physician has urged it so earnestly that all his present

### AUTO CAB KILLS A BOY.

engagements have been abandoned.

Eight-Year-Old Run Over on Upper Fifth Avenue-Driver Arrested.

Eight-year-old Rudolph Werspa of 24 West 112th street was run over and killed yesterday by an electric cab at 107th street and Fifth avenue. The cab is owned by Alexander Fischer, an importer of automobiles, at 239 West Fiftieth street, and was driven by William F. Holzman of 215 West Forty-ninth street. Holzman was locked up in the East 104th street station. The Werspa boy, his ten-year-old brother Charles and some other lads, were playing on the avenue when the cab came along.

Holzman sounded his gong, and the older brother started to pull Rudolph out of the way. The boy became confused and started in the other direction. The driver thought he could dodge the boy by making a sharp turn, but the front wheel passed There were two persons in the cab, whom the police say they do not know

#### ASKED LADIES THEIR AGE! Knights of Columbus of Hoboken Said to Have Done This Unknightly Thing.

About two hundred Hoboken young vomen who have been asked to form a women's auxillary to the Hoboken Coun cil159of the Knights of Columbus under the name of the Daughters of Isabella feel that they have a grievance.

The council a few days ago decided that a women's auxiliary would be a good thing and sent out application blanks to 200 young women. One question in the appli-cation blank is this: "What is your age?" The young women say the question was unnecessary. There is no insurance or bene-fit connected with the Daughters of Isabella. The young women say they are sure that idle curiosity prompted the ques-tion, and that they will refuse to answer it. even if by so doing they run the risk of being

#### CHATTANOOGA STILL HELD. Barber-Constable Places the Forme

Pedler in Charge and Goes to His Shop. ELIZABETH, N. J., June 20.-Sheriff Cor ell's deputies are still in legal possession of the cruiser Chattanooga, at the Crescent shipyard. They will hold the vessel under the warrant of seizure granted by the Su preme Court of New Jersey until the claim of Babcock & Wilcox for \$19,500, due on her boilers, is satisfied, or until a higher court directs their withdrawal. The Sher-iff expects no developments before Monday Because this was Saturday, and he had many customers to shave, Henry Schoppe, the barber and constable who captured the cruiser, delegated command of the vessel to Fred Teipel, the former pedler who assisted in the capture, and Peter Weaver of Wainfald

Mosquitoes Make a Desperado Surrender NEW ORLEANS, June 20 .- Willis Henderon, a negro desperado of this city, who shot a white man for refusing to serve him beer, has been driven by the mosquitoes beer, has been driven by the mosquitoes. After the shootpeer, has been driven by to surrender to the police. After the shooting the negro fied from his home on Gayose street to the swamps back of the city. He street to the swamps back of the city. lay in the swamp one night but was driven out. He said the mosquitoes were literally

## HOUNDS TO TRACK MURDERER

WHO KILLED POLICEMAN IN ROCHELLE PARK.

Police Think He May Be a Resident of That Fashionable District-Dentist Witnessed Midnight Murder by Mysterious Man With a Pack on His Back.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., June 20 .- Police man Maurice Ahearn was murdered early this morning by a supposed burglar whom he encountered coming out of Rochelle Park carrying a bag on his back. The murderer, after killing Ahearn, riddled his body with bullets. Ahearn died on the lawn of Joseph T. Brown, vice-president of the Knickerbocker Trust Company.

The murder occurred at about 1:15 o'clock directly in front of the home of Mr. Brown and across the street from the residence of Mrs. J. H. Hawkins, a widow. Dr. W. F. Johnson, a young dentist of New York, who was boarding at the Hawkins home, was at the window of his room and was the only witness to the crime. Dr. Johnson save he was aroused by hearing some one across the street talking loudly. He went to his window and saw that the policeman had stopped a stranger and was ques tioning him. The stranger was short and tioning him. The stranger was short and thick-set and carried a bag over his shoulder. "You'll have to show me what you have got in that bag or I'll lock you up," Dr. Johnson heard Ahearn say.

"It's none of your business what's in the bag," replied the man gruffly. "The stuff that's in it belongs to me, and that's all you need to know."

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Dr. Johnson noticed that the man spoke

"I believe you are a burglar," said Ahearn as he took the stranger by the arm. "You'll have to go over with me to the station house and give an account of yourself."

As the policeman took hold of the mar As the ponceman took noid of the man the latter grabbed him by the throat. Ahearn was a powerfully built man with big, broad shoulders. When he saw the stranger meant to fight he at first wrestled with him on the lawn and then, finding himself evenly matched, drew his stick and began to beat him over the head. At each blow the man cursed or shricked. Dr. Johnson says that they fought for five minutes, when he heard Ahearn shout:
"Help, I'm shot!" and saw him fall.
The murderer, who had started to run

The murderer, who had started to run away, turned back, and, standing over Ahearn, fired three more shots. As he fired he exclaimed "I'll show you what's in this bag!"

Then he walked coolly away toward the main entrance of the park. Dr. Johnson rushed downstairs and telephoned to the police. Then he went out on the lawn and found several other neighbors who had been aroused by the shooting. The policeman had been killed almost instantly.

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Sergt. Kelly sent out a general alarm
to the police of New York and to Westchester and Connecticut towns, and although fifteen minutes after the crime
was committed he had half a dozen policewas committed he had half a dozen police-man scouring the park and the surround-ing country for the murderer, no trace of him was found.

The only clue left by the murderer is a lot of coarse straw used by florists in pack-

ing flowers. The police believe that the man carried this to prevent silverware from rattling. Chief Timmons has not been notified that any house in the park has been robbed. He said that if a burg-

has been robbed. He said that if a burg-lary was committed the thief had evi-dently entered some furnished house which is unoccupied and that the owners might not report it for several days.

Yesterday morning word was received from Port Chester that an Italian had been arrested there on suspicion. He has been brought here and will be held for develop-ments. He has a pistol of the same calibre as that of the murderer, but it appears not to have been discharged for some time to have been discharged for some time. Several other suspects were also picked up in New Rochelle and afterward released. Col. E. Lyman Bill of the New Rochelle Police Board announced to-day that the city would offer a reward of \$500 for the detection of the murderer and said that the Rochelle Park Association probably

would add \$500 more.

The police are at work on the theory that the murderer was perhaps not a burglar but a resident of the park, who mistook Ahearn, who was in plain clothes, for a highwayman. Ahearn would have prob a highwayman. Abeart would have prob-ably captured the man if he could have drawn his revolver, but when he reached to get it he found it entangled in a tobacco

pouch.

The Knights of Columbus of New Rochelle, of which Ahearn was a member, made arrangements to-night to run down the murderer with bloodhounds.

The Knights, in searching for bloodhounds, could find none near New York They were referred, however, to Dr. Long est of Beston, who owns two of the animals

est of beston, who owns two of the animals. Dr. Longest agreed to send on his hounds free of charge.

The hounds are expected to arrive tomorrow. They will be put on the scent at Rochelle Park, where the policeman, in the fight, is thought to have spilled some of the murderer's blood.

#### FOUR KILLED IN A WRECK. Head-On Collision on Champlain Division of the Delaware and Hudson.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., June 20.- Four men were killed and two injured in a head-on collision this morning on the Champlain division of the Delaware and Hudson Rail road two miles north of Dresden. A light engine, in charge of Henry W. Collins, with Fireman Frank Moore, was running north with orders to follow the Montreal sleeper The sleeper met at Pulpit Point a south bound freight, which pulled out on the main line. Conductor Barker and Engineer Darmody, it is said, being ignorant of the wild engine following. A crash soon came, and Collins, Moore and Fred Ryan, a brakeman, who was also on the light engine, and View Reliegarde. The fireman on the

and Fred Bellegarde, the fireman on the freight, were killed instantly.

Engineer Darmody and Brakeman Cheney of the freight were injured, but will recover. The men killed all lived in Whitehall and

leave families.

Officers of the road have investigated Officers of the road have investigated to-day, but have been unable to determine whether it was the fault of the engineer of the sleeper in not displaying the signal of a train following or the fault of the freight engineer in not seeing such signal. Coroner Jackson, after an inquest, has found the freight train crew at fault and has rendered a verdict of accidental death through neglect by the train men to obey signals. Traffic on the road was tied up for hours. One locomotive was demolished.

#### DIDN'T WIN ENOUGH ON N. P. Berthe Mulliot (1,450 Shares) Says Her Broker Was Too Slow in May, 1901.

Justice Truax of the Supreme Court has granted an attachment against Gurley & Johnson, stock brokers of Washington, for \$15,287 in favor of Berthe Maillet on a claim for failure to sell her stock que enough on May 8, 1901, at the time o Northern Pacific corner. She ordered them to sell 1,450 shares of stock, and she says that if they had sold the stock within a reasonable time after getting the order she would have realized \$15,287 more than

The Block Island service of the Montauk Steam boat Co. will be resumed on June 25. Steamers will leave Pier 18, E. R., N. Y., week days, except Saturdays, at 5:30 P. M. On July 3 and Saturdays (except Saturday, July 4), at 1 P. M. Adv.

Numerous cases of nervous headache cured be spencer, 15 Maiden Lane, who fits glasses correctly

### ATLANTIC SHIPPING COMBINE. Story of Reorganization and Assessment

Pronounced Absolutely Untrue. A member of the firm of J. P. Morgan &

Co. said yesterday regarding assertions made in a cable despatch from London: "Any story that the International Mercantile Marine Company is to be reorganized and its stock assessed is absolutely

### GATES'S \$8,000 DRIVE.

untrue."

No Proper Carriages for Hire for the

Drive to the Derby, He Buys Two. CHICAGO, June 20 .- When John W. Gates ooked over the vehicles to-day to go to the Derby, he found he had neglected to provide one that would do for cold weather like that of this morning. He accordingly went to a large carriage concern and bought two landaus for use on the occasion, paying \$4,000 each for them. With seven friends he drove out to the clubhouse early and kept warm inside his new purchases.

#### ROBBED LESLIE PUBLISHING CO. Frank C. Jappe, the Treasurer, Arrested

-His Stealings Reach \$10,000. Frank C. Jappe, 33 years old, bookkeeper, cashier and treasurer of the Frank Leslie Publishing House, at 143 Fifth avenue, was arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeants Clarke and Mulcare on a charge of grand larceny. Jappe is married and lives at 811 High street, Hoboken. He was found at the home of a relative in

Fordham. According to his own admission, he has faisified the accounts of the publishing firm for the last three years, and has stolen in all \$10,000.

He will be arraigned in the Tombs police court this morning, and President Frederick L. Colver of the company will appear as the prosecuting witness.

#### WAS AT A NON-UNION WEDDING. Mine Workers' Official Was Best Man. and He's in Trouble Over It.

TAMAQUA, Pa., June 20 .- John Hudeck of Oneida, president of the United Mine Workers of that town, is in trouble because he officiated as best man this week at the wedding of a non-union man, Julius Thomas, to Miss Julia Wargo, both being from Oneida. It is alleged that Thomas worked during the last strike at one of the collieries of

Coxe Brothers & Co. When it became known that the president of the Oneida local had officiated at the wedding the members of the Oneida local rose up. A demand has been made on Hudeck to resign or apologize for his action. Friends of the president say that he was not aware at the time of the wedding that the bridegroom had been a non-unionist.

#### TEN KILLED BY DYNAMITE. Six Die at Once and Four Afterward

-- Lightning Caused It. CAMBRIDGE, Ohio, June 20.-At 2 o'clock this afternoon lightning struck 3,000 pounds of dynamite stored at the Somers coal shaft at Senecaville, 16 miles south of here. Hiram Wilson, Sam Hartup, Russell Hartup, Hays Hutchinson, Albert Watson and Will Mahoney were killed instantly, fifteen others were mortally injured and a large number injured seriously. Four have died

since the accident.

The shaft is half a mile south of the village and is owned by the Somers Coal Company of Cleveland. The force of the explosion was north and the village was almost de-molished. Every window was broken, the Odd Fellows Hall and Kellar Building are damaged. A relief train with physician has been sent from this city.

### LOST BOY WEIGHS 180.

Six Feet 2 Juches Tall and Too Big to Go to School. John W. Tavet of West Point went to Police Headquarters here last evening and

asked that the police find his seventeen-year

old brother Charles. The missing boy is described as being 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighing 180 pounds.

According to his brother, Charles refused to go to the public schools at West Point because he was so big. He left West Point on Wednesday and has been traced to this

#### city FIRE IN BANKING HOUSE.

Little Blaze in the Room of the Auditor

of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. Fire in the banking house of Ladenburg. Thalmann & Co. on the third floor of th Broad Exchange Building, 25 Broad street caused some excitement and did about \$100 damage late vesterday afternoon. Saturday being a half holiday, the only persons about when the fire started were scrubwomen and porters. The blaze was scrubwomen and porters. The blaze was in the auditor's room, which was pretty well wrecked before the fire was extin-

guished. Three Girls Save a Drowning Man. WATERBURY, Conn., June 20,-The hero ism of three schoolgirls of Prospect is the talk of the village. The girls are Annie and Mamie Perkins and Alice Gould, none of them over 15 years old. Samuel Rose a farmhand, started home drunk last night to the Perkins farm. He missed his way and walked into a fish pond nearly ten feet deep. The girls, all good swimmers, ran to Rose's rescue, and with the aid of planks succeeded in getting the intoxicated man to the bank, where the neighbors saved his

life with restoratives. "The Sun's" Friends at Yale. NEW HAVEN, June 20.-The senior class statistics at Yale were given out to-day. For the favorite newspaper THE SUN of New York had 179 votes, the Herald, 54: the Tribune, 21; the Times, 11. No other Ex-Judge Henderson Resents Reflection

New York newspapers were mentioned in

the vote.

Harold Vanderbilt Gets a Medal. Congressman and Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont were among those present at the graduating exercises of St. Mark's School at Southboro, Mass., yesterday. When the award of honors was made it was learned that the Founders' Medal, which is conthat the Founders' Medal, which is con-ferred as a special token of distinction for marked ability, had been won by Harold S. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Belmont's youngest son and brother to the Duchess of Marl-borough. Young Vanderbilt, who is about 17 years of age, will probably enter Harvard in the full. in the fall.

## Says He Can Steal Marconi Messages. MILWAUKEE, June 20.-Marconigrams can

be run down and captured by any one who is equipped with the proper instruments, says Charles L. Fortier, who is an expert-electrician Mr. Fortier has been experimenting with his invention, and has been catching messages passing between here and Chicago by the Marconi system, aithough his instruments have tuned" with those of the Marconi plan.

# SERVIA PUTS IN A DEFENCE

KILLING OF KING SANCTIONED BY THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Protests Against Great Britain's Action in Withdrawing Her Minister-He Expresses Regret That Queen Drags Was Slain.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BELGRADE, June 20 .- M. Kalievitch, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has issued a statement which may be regarded as the official explanation of the views of the Government in regard to recent events.

In reference to the recall of Sir G. Bon-

ham, the British Minister, he expresses

deep indignation at the intention of Great

Britain, indicated by this fact, to hold the present Servian Government responsible for the murders. M. Kalievitch expresses regret that Queen Draga perished, all the more so as her death was by no means necessary, even though she had been detested by the whole country

from the moment she presumed to put the crown on her unworthy head. The upheaval was the work of a number of officers who had resolved to prevent the proclamation of Queen Draga's brother as heir to the throne. It was sanctioned

by the army and the whole country. The declaration goes on to point out the devotion, patriotism and courage of the members of the provisional government in sinking party differences and taking up the reins of power at a critical moment in the absence of all authority. Proof of their great service is to be found in the peace and order which is now prevailing

The statement continues: "We therefore regret the attempt made by England as a result of erroneous information to east suspicion upon a state of affairs which has for its object the maintenance of order and the eventual regeneration of a young nation which has passed through a time of trial and which is attached to the cause of liberty and civiliza-

### OUR RELATIONS WITH SERVIA.

Not Likely That the President Will Insist That the King's Assassins Be Punished. WASHINGTON, June 20.-Until the new Servian monarchy has been firmly and formally established the United States Government will adopt no measure toward entering into diplomatic relations with it John B. Jackson, who was appointed United States Minister to Greece, Roumania and Servia, is not in Belgrade, but the cre-dentials which he bears are null and void, as they accredited him to the late King Alexander. To secure recognition of the existence of diplomatic relations between

the two Governments it will be necessary for him to present new letters of credence addressed personally to King Peter Karageorgevitch.

While no decision has been made as to While no decision has been made as to the course to be pursued when King Peter ascends the throne, it is not likely that President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay will go to the extreme of decilining to enter into diplomatic relations with the new dynasty unless assurances are given that the assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga will be punished.

### BANK MESSENGER MISSING.

Sent to Deposit \$2,500 in the Buffale Clearing House, but Didn't Do It. York, Chicago and other large cities have been notified by the local police to watch out for Arthur Nagel, 19 years old, who disappeared to-day with \$2,500 belonging to the Third National Bank of Buffalo. At

the money from the cashier of the bank and was directed, in his capacity of mes-senger of the bank, to take the money to the Clearing House, one block below the bank, on Main street.

That was the last seen of Nagel. The

11 o'clock this forenoon Nagel received

That was the last seen of Nagel. The bank officials waited until noon, suspecting nothing wrong, but when Nagel failed to appear the police were asked to find him. The search was fruitless. Nagel is supposed to have the money, because it was not turned in at the Clearing House.

Owing to the excellent reputation heretofore borne by Nagel, many of his friends are inclined to believe that he did not steal the money, but that he may have met with foul play. The police are not neglecting that theory and are making a search of places into which the youth might have been lured and robbed. Nagel's parents refuse to believe that the boy stole the refuse to believe that the boy stdle the noney.

#### WHIPPED HER ARDENT LOVER. Dressmaker Doesn't Relish the Attentions of a Married Man.

Marie Putalloz, a dressmaker, of 123 East Thirty-ninth street complained to Magistrate Barlow in the Yorkville police court vesterday that Julius Dalumi, a married man, who lives at 953 Park avenue, annoyed her with protestations of love. She said that he raised the basement

window from the outside on Thursday night and said: "Do you love me?" For answer she grabbed her dog whip and went outside and whipped him until he ran away. He was back again the next night and she had him arrested.

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The man has been pestering her with his declarations of love for the past eight years, she declared, and she was anxious to have the thing stopped. He frequently followed her on the streets whether she was accompanied by an escort or net.

Her secont gave the possistent was a first the property was a first the p Her escort gave the persistent wooer thumping a week ago and then had him arrested, but he was discharged with a

## warning in court the next day. The Magistrate held the man in \$1,000 bail for his good behavior for six months. BLOWS IN A COURTROOM.

on Ills Professiona! Conduct. St. Louis. June 20. - By way of reserting what he regarded as a charge of unprofessional conduct, William W. Heilderson. formerly Judge of the Probate Court, to-day in that courtroom, plented his fist squerely in the face of Attor ey John D. Johnson The common tarts represent apposing interests in a case before Judge Crews. Judge Her derson rasked for immediate consideration of the case, while Mr. Johnson desired a continual case.

In the arguments over this the charge of unprofessional conduct was made and Mr. Johnson gave the lie to Judge Henderson, who responded with the blow in the face of his opponent. Then the peace officers came. After the attorneys had cooled down, both apologized to the Court and the incident closed. The case was continued

### Kansas Needs 28,000 Farm Hands.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 20 .- B. Gerow, director of the State Free Employment Bu-reau, has received final estimates of the number of outside harvest hands needed this year. The number 'a 28,100.

Day dreams on the Hudson are especially delightful, as the realization meets the desire at correct turn. See Day Line Stin. advis.—Adv.

Intercollegiair Leat I area, Poughkeepsie, June 26th, Str. Chester W. Chapin. Tickets \$1.00; Fall River Line office, Pier 19, N. R.—Adv.